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one derives from a garden which is *klein, aber mein*. The book is beautifully illustrated with eight halftones in color by ZULMA DE L. STEELE, and would be a pleasing gift book, as well as an excellent reference book for an amateur who may feel, with the author, that "at least it is better to have tried and failed, than not even to have made the attempt." The author, however, was evidently successful and shows an intimate knowledge of garden life. The nature sketches are pleasing, and the whole book is written in a very happy vein, to which its attractive form is appropriate.—MARY H. FROST.

Hymenomycetes of the Chicago region.—The Natural History Survey of the Chicago Academy of Sciences has begun the publication of a descriptive catalogue of the higher fungi of the Chicago area. The first part, containing the Hymenomycetes by MOFFATT, has just appeared.⁷ It is well printed and the plates are halftones from excellent photographs. The keys to genera and species should make determination comparatively simple, but the key to genera would be far more convenient if the page numbers were inserted. The "Chicago area" means Cook and Dupage counties, with portions of Will County, Ill., and Lake County, Ind., including about 1800 square miles. From this area 371 species of Hymenomycetes are reported, representing 79 genera, the distribution by families being as follows: Agaricaceae, 46 gen., 211 spp.; Polyporaceae, 15 gen., 78 spp.; Hydnaceae, 5 gen., 25 spp.; Thelephoraceae, 8 gen., 41 spp.; Clavariaceae, 2 gen., 12 spp.; Tremellaceae, 3 gen., 4 spp.—J. M. C.

Indian woods and their uses.—The Imperial Forest Research Institute of India has begun the publication of a series of memoirs, the first number of which deals with Indian woods and their uses.⁸ It is a bulky quarto volume of nearly 500 pages, dealing with 554 species. This is only a fraction of the total number of Indian woody species, which is said to be about 5000 and rather more than half of them trees. The first part contains a list of the purposes for which woods are employed and the woods used for each, while in the second part these woods are described. There is an index to English and trade names (9 pp.), and also a surprisingly extensive one (202 pp.) to vernacular names.—J. M. C.

The flora of central and southern Congo.—Another fascicle⁹ of this important taxonomic work has been issued recently under the able editorship of Professor ÉM. DE WILDEMAN. The present fascicle contains a list of Mycetes prepared by the late Professor P. HENNINGS, also a list of fungi by H. and P. SYDOW; the Pteridophyta have been elaborated by Dr. H. CHRIST and the Embryophyta by Dr. DE WILDEMAN. Nearly one hundred new species and several varieties are

⁷ MOFFATT, W. S., The higher fungi of the Chicago region. Part I. The Hymenomycetes. Chicago Acad. Sci. Nat. Hist. Surv. Bull. 7:1-156. pls. 1-24. 1909.

⁸ TROUP, R. S., Indian woods and their uses. Indian Forest Memoirs 1: No. 1. 4to. pp. 273+ccxvii. 1909.

⁹ DE WILDEMAN, ÉM., Flore du Bas- et du Moyen-Congo. Ann. Mus. Congo. Botanique, Sér. V. Tome iii. fasc. 1. pp. 147. pls. 27. Brussels. 1909.